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SUBJECT:IRANIAN INQUIRY ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE

1. IRANIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR MAJD CALLED ON DEPTOFFS  
JUNE 26 TO INQUIRE ABOUT REUTER'S JUNE 20 REPORT THAT,  
ACCORDING TO SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR TO UN AMERASINGHE, US AND  
UK HAVE DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON STATUS OF INDIAN OCEAN. REUTER'S REPORT ALSO STATED  
FRANCE IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE AND SOVIET UNION HAS WITHHELD  
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ITS RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION.

2. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM AMB. AMERASINGHE INVITING US TO CONSULT WITH GROUP OF LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES, NOT RPT NOT WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN OR ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. DEPTOFF SAID THAT FRANCE, ITALY AND FRG AS WELL AS US AND UK HAVE DECLINED THIS INVITATION, AND SUGGESTED THAT MAJD DRAW HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS REGARDING REPORTED SOVIET STANCE. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT US HAS ABSTAINED ON ALL UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS REGARDING INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AND THAT US POSITION WELL KNOWN. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT US SHARES GOAL OF PROMOTING PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION. HOWEVER, US DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT APPROACH OF DECLARING A "ZONE OF PEACE" CAN ADEQUATELY RESOLVE COMPLEX QUESTIONS INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT ARMS CONTROL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LAW OF SEA QUESTIONS. IN PARTICULAR, US DOES NOT ACCEPT PREMISE UNDERLYING THIS APPROACH, I.E., THAT A REGIONAL GROUP OF STATES CAN IMPOSE SPECIAL LEGAL REGIME ON A CERTAIN PART OF THE HIGH SEAS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MAJD'S QUESTION WHETHER US WOULD PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION SINCE SUCH A CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON NOR HAVE THE GOALS OR SPECIFICS OF SUCH A CONFERENCE BEEN WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, US APPROACH TO ANY SUCH CONFERENCE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE BASED UPON CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF DIEGO GARCIA, MAJD REITERATED IRANIAN POSITION THAT, AS LONG AS OTHER GREAT POWERS HAVE SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, IRAN DID NOT OBJECT TO US PLANS FOR DIEGO GARCIA. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, IRAN FAVORS CONCEPT OF ZONE OF PEACE FOR INDIAN OCEAN AND LONGER-TERM PROSPECT OF NO GREAT POWERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, WITH LITTORALS RESPONSIBLE FOR STABILITY AND SECURITY. KISSINGER

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